

Cliff's notes:

There were three students: Sanghee, Rainbow and Jing Sun.

The four volunteers in attendance were Jon, Libby, Phoebe and me.

I had decided not to cover the Easy English News article on Pearl Harbor in deference to our Japanese students (none of whom showed up). Instead, I went to "Who is Santa Claus." After the students read the article out loud, we discussed whether they celebrated Christmas in any way (two of them gave gifts on Christmas). This led to them presenting information on the Lunar New Year celebrations in their countries and the gift giving involved. I mentioned that American Jewish people celebrate another religious festival in December, Hanukkah. When the students appeared to never have heard of the holiday, we read and discussed the article in the paper.

After the break, Jon introduced the concept of the "bucket list" and we asked the students if, before they died, there was a place that they wanted to visit, thing they wanted to do, or someone they wished to meet. Answers ranged from visiting Alaska to writing a novel to learning and perfecting dance skills with much discussion in between.

The bucket list idea could be used in other classes even if some of this group were in attendance.